

"ACCIDENT" QUEEN FINALLY ON TRIAL

Woman Who Two Years Ago Feigned Injury in Medford is Caught at Her Tricks in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—The trial has been begun of Mrs. Mary M. Johnson, who was declared by the prosecutor to have held up public service corporations from the Mississippi river to the Pacific coast and who is accused of swindling the Seattle Electric company out of \$400 by representing that she was injured in a street car accident last March.

The prosecutor said that he would introduce witnesses from California, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Colorado to identify Mrs. Johnson as a woman who, under different names, obtained money from electric and street railroads in those states through pretended personal injuries.

The prosecutor gave some of Mrs. Johnson's alleged operations as follows: In Kansas City, as Mrs. Jennie Brown, got \$25 from Metropolitan Street Railway company; ten days later at Rogers, Ark., got \$1575 from St. Louis and San Francisco railroad; Glenwood Springs, Col., collected \$500 from a railroad for a fall from a Pullman berth; Oskaloosa, Ia., got \$250 from Leavenworth and Topeka railroad; Gold Hill, Or., got \$250 from Southern Pacific; Sterling, Neb., held up Burlington railroad; Los Angeles, as Mrs. M. A. Harwood, last spring sued street railway company, and later, as Mrs. G. Gardner, collected damage from Los Angeles from a fall on defective sidewalk.

This woman is known in Medford, having feigned injury here a year ago last summer. She was cared for at the Hotel Nash. She has a faculty of spitting blood and going into convulsions at will.

You can sell it—if it's advertisement.

PACIFIC INDIANS LOSE BIG BRAVE

Philip Beekley of Oakland, Or., Passes Away at His Home—Was Enthusiastic Sportsman.

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 17.—Philip Beekley, one of this city's most prominent young business men, died at the home of his mother in this city at an early hour yesterday after a lingering illness extending over a period of three months.

Mr. Beekley was the chief promoter of the Oakland-Tidewater Railway, a line to extend from Oakland, Oregon to the Pacific coast near Coos Bay, the survey of which was completed under Mr. Beekley's direction last October.

Mr. Beekley was well known in Medford and other southern Oregon cities. He was an enthusiastic sportsman, known throughout the state as a marksman of no mean ability. He was in Medford at the Pacific Indian shoot last fall.

He leaves a widowed mother to mourn her loss.

See that every fact about your store which has salesmanship in it is featured in your ad.

STANDARD OIL EXPECTED TO APPEAL TOMORROW

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 16.—The Standard Oil company of New Jersey and its co-defendants in the recent dissolution suit decided in favor of the United States government are expected to file an appeal to the United States court tomorrow.

PALACE HOTEL IS ONCE AGAIN OPEN TO PUBLIC

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The rebuilt and modernized Palace Hotel was opened to the public today, marking the culmination of the reconstruction of the city in the rebuilding of this hostelry which before the fire of 1906 was probably the most widely known institution of the "Old Town."

UNITED STATES IS VERY PROSPEROUS

Report of Comptroller of the Currency Shows That Country is Most Opulent in Entire World.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—There are some wonderful figures contained in the annual report of the comptroller of the currency just made public, which go to show that the United States is one of the richest countries of the world, if indeed it is not the most opulent.

For instance, the report says: "The deposits, including government deposits, held by the banks of the country, aggregate \$14,105,924,984. Excluding those of the government, the money held by the national banks on April 28, was \$70,401,818. "The amount of savings deposits held by all the banks of the country is \$4,926,161,555.

"The information secured relative to deposits is of especial interest at this time, when the adequacy of present means for the custody of the people's savings is under discussion. It is shown that 35 per cent of the total individual deposits in all banks are savings deposits, and in addition over \$1,211,000,000 are time deposits. The individual deposits subject to check aggregate over \$6,956,500,000 demand certificates of deposit over \$625,000,000, and the aggregate of other minor classifications is over \$215,900,000.

"As fluctuations of deposits in the banks of the country from year to year indicate in a large measure economic conditions, it is of interest to note that since June 30, 1900, individual deposits in reporting banks have increased over 93 per cent, the amount of deposits on that date being \$7,228,986,450.

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HEALTH HINTS

Are you aware that every other may be bought that vitiates the atmosphere and tends towards sickness or discomfort?

Truly there is none. Another point: Electric light is eminently safer than any other kind of light. No matches are required.

And—matches cause more fires than anything else in the wide world. Is electric light more expensive than gas or oil lamps when you consider this?

Once more: Gas and oil are both expensive—a little neglect—a little absent-mindedness—a trifling act of thoughtlessness—and you and your family are in imminent danger of tragic, sudden death.

Is electric lighting more expensive than gas or oil lamps when you think it over?

Besides—if there weren't these real and tremendous arguments in favor of electric light in the home—what light is there that compares with it in quality for a moment?

Think of its brilliancy, its steadiness, its convenience, its absolute perfection of quality.

No flickering uncertainties. No shadows on the book or papers. No chairs to climb on to light it. No matches to strike to light it. No nerve-irritating roar. No fumes or soot to blacken ceiling or curtains.

No stale, unpleasant odors. No coal oil can in the kitchen. No lamp chimneys to clean. No lamps to trim. No wicks to trim. No broken down mantels to ruffle your temper.

And—we could go on for a long time yet.

But, we'll leave it to your own sense to complete the list, and see the point. We know it won't take long.

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HILL FEARS FOR COUNTRY'S FOOD



CHIEF PROMOTERS OF NATIONAL CORN EXPOSITION AT OMAHA; TWO \$1,000 TROPHIES AND CHAMPION EAR OF CORN.

OMAHA, Dec. 1.—In an address at the National corn exposition James J. Hill emphasized the necessity of increasing the productivity of the farms of this country. He said in part:

"The true statement of the broad general fact which it is most desirable that every one should understand is this: That this country cannot feed the population which it must necessarily have within comparatively few years if it does not change its agricultural methods. The emphasis

is all on that conditional clause. "We cannot support our coming population upon the crop yield per acre that now satisfies us. What has to be considered, the keynote of all present discussion, is not the difficulty but the urgency of the task.

"Area is inelastic. Our public lands are nearly exhausted. A few more years will see the last of them. And, lest they should not be squandered quickly enough, we not only offer them to everybody under conditions that invite and reward fraud, but

when the government finds itself burdened with a particularly choice and valuable tract of farm land it holds a lottery and distributes it among Tom, Dick and Harry, no matter whether farmers or speculators, after they have been collected from distant parts of the country by appealing to the passion for gambling.

"The country, unless there shall be a change, is approaching a time when it must import wheat to meet home needs. Other food products also lag behind the constant new demand."

It's a Pleasure

Indeed to pay your grocery bill when you deal here—for the items are always correct.

What gives it additional pleasure is the fact that you know

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W. M. Holmes, Manager, is always at your service for a good buy.